



JERUEL ACADEMY, ATHENS, GA.

Founded in 1886 and owned by the Jeruel Baptist Association. Seven teachers and 283 students enrolled in 1908. Property valued at \$10,500. Free of debt.

Jeruel Academy, Athens, Ga.

Rev. John H. Brown, Principal

A LARGE part of the work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society has been in the direction of stimulating self-help in the Negroes. A majority of the schools aided by the Society are owned and managed by Negro bodies in the different states. They represent what has been called "Self-Help in Education." The men and women who teach in them are for the most part trained in the Society's larger institutions; they receive a small annual grant from the Society, and an occasional "lift" in the erection of buildings, and they have the coöperation and advice that the officers of the Society can give, but the larger share of the burden rests upon the Negro boards.

The Trustees are Negro Baptists

Jeruel Academy, located at Athens, Ga., is a typical school of this class. It was established in 1886 by the Jeruel Baptist Association and is owned by the Association. The trustees are

Negro Baptists. "They are not school men," says Dr. Sale, "but they believe in the education of their children and they believe that Jeruel Academy is the institution that will make these children better sons and daughters, men, women, citizens," and they are, as one trustee said, "hands, heels, and toes for the education of our young folks."

The school property includes two frame buildings, one large school building, used for recitation rooms with the boys' dormitory above, and the girls' dormitory, with the dining hall and kitchen. Six of the seven teachers are graduates of home mission schools. Rev. John H. Brown, A.M., who has been principal since 1893, is a graduate of Atlanta Baptist College, and his wife was trained at Spelman Seminary. The approxi-



PRINCIPAL REV. JOHN H. BROWN AND FAMILY
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mate annual expenses of Jeruel are \$5,000, about one half being required for salaries. In 1907, the American Baptist Home Mission Society gave \$500. The remainder was received from the Negro Baptist Association and other friends. Jeruel Academy was the pioneer secondary school of Georgia for Negro boys and girls.